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DRIVE TOPS \$60,000 GOAL

University of Montana President Richard C. Bowers said Friday that the Missoula portion of the Excellence Fund campaign had exceeded its goal of \$60,000.

"Making this announcement is one of the most pleasant and enjoyable duties I've been asked to perform during my tenure at the University of Montana," Bowers said. "I want to thank the many business people who solicited the funds as well as the people, organizations and businesses that gave so generously to the campaign. This is a tremendous outpouring of support, and we will do everything we can to live up to this demonstration of confidence.

UM Foundation Director Allan M. Vannini was equally pleased. "In the past when we tried to raise money in other parts of Montana or the country the question was always asked 'What is Missoula doing?' Now we can tell them that Missoula is leading the way!"

Vannini added that "the Missoula effort has produced a prototype campaign structure that we can use elsewhere. We've already begun working with groups of businessmen in other Montana Communities."

Campaign co-chairman Jack Hoon expressed the belief that Missoula's goal of \$60,000 might be significantly exceeded. "We still have a few calls to make, and a number of firms are still considering our request. I'm hopeful that when these firms realize that over 100 of their business colleagues have already demonstrated their support for UM they will quickly join our band wagon."

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Both Bowers and Hoon explained that UM administrators and the steering committee had begun preliminary discussions on how the funds raised locally will be spent. "The emphasis will be on recruitment. We're going to spend the money on projects that will help attract students to UM," Bowers said. "All the details have not been worked out, but when they are, I will let every donor and solicitor know of our plans. Later I will report the results of these efforts to them."

The Excellence Fund is sponsored by the UM Foundation. The local steering committee is composed of Hoon and Col. Tom Davis as co-chairmen and John Ruffatto, Tom Boone, Dan Lambros, George Leland and Paul Chumrau. The national goal of the campaign is \$175,000. To date over \$155,000 has been raised.

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